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## PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION WHEN YOU COME TO THE CITY MONDAY, COURTDAY

During the last few weeks we have mailed out with our paper subscription statements and many have sent us checks while others have called and settled, yet there are a number who have given the matter no attention. Monday is County Courtday and we trust that those who are in arrears will come to the city Monday.

Increased cost of everything in our business makes it necessary that we keep our subscription account well collected.

## MARRIED AT LOUISVILLE

Miss Leora Jeffries and Mr. Wm. K. Prewitt surprised their many friends here last Thursday, when they went to Louisville, where they were married at the First Christian church by Rev. Horace Kingsbury. Rev. Kingsbury was formerly pastor of the Christian church at Somerset church, this county. The happy couple were accompanied to Louisville by Mrs. Jeffries, mother of the bride, Miss Lizzie Prewitt Coleman, of this city, and Mrs. Marshall Foley, of Lexington, who witnessed the ceremony. After a short bridal tour they will return to this county where they will reside on the farm of the groom. Miss Jeffries is a most attractive and highly cultured girl and having travelled extensively is a most interesting conversationalist. She has always taken a deep interest in church work and the man of her choice is indeed to be congratulated upon winning so charming a wife. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Jeffries, for many years among our most substantial citizens. Mr. Prewitt is a member of the widely connected Prewitt family and is a splendid young farmer of fine ability and being of pleasant address he makes and retains friends readily. Having known these splendid young people for many years the writer is delighted with the opportunity of wishing them a long, happy and prosperous married life.

—W. S. S.—

## MAY CHANGE TIME

It has been reported that one or two passenger trains on the C. & O. R. R. will be taken off and that many other changes in the time of the running of other trains will be made shortly, however the local agent was unable to give us any information on the subject as he had received no orders to this effect.

—W. S. S.—

## Wanted to Buy.

Small cottage with garden.  
Apply at this office.

## ASSESSMENTS SHOW BIG GAIN

On Recapitulations Sheet as Completed by Clerk and Sent to Frankfort.

After several weeks of grinding toil, County Clerk Greene and his chief deputy, Mr. Douglas, have completed the recapitulation sheet and an increase of nearly thirty-two per cent. is shown in the assessments of property for taxation for this year as compared with 1917. In view of this enormous increase, it is not thought the State Tax Commission will add anything to same.

A statistical comparison of this and last year are as follows:

	1917	1918
Town lots	\$1,490,960	\$1,660,024
Farm lands	4,425,945	5,769,431
Mineral rights	None	
Other tangible property	1,084,710	1,603,982
Intangible property	667,650	1,169,340
Total both	1,752,360	2,773,322
Exemptions	157,000	284,750
Total less exemptions	7,512,265	9,910,445
Assessment of banks	285,408	298,200
Increase of 1918		\$ 2,398,180
Grand total, including banks	\$ 7,792,673	\$10,208,645
Increase 1918, including banks		\$ 2,410,972

—W. S. S.—

## FAIR DATES SELECTED

The directors of the Montgomery County Fair held a meeting in the office of Secretary W. Hoffman Wood Friday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Charles G. Thompson, president and treasurer; W. Hoffman Wood, secretary; Charles E. Duff and Roger D. Barnes, vice presidents. The board selected the dates of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 24, 25, 26 and 27 for the exhibition this year.

The program will consist of running and trotting races, shows and floral hall, and an effort will be made to have a stock exhibition. Secretary Wood will make every effort to have the world's champion herd of Herefords, owned by E. H. Taylor & Sons, of Frankfort, to appear at the fair this year, as well as other champion herds of livestock. The Montgomery county derby for thoroughbreds will again be on the program and a tobacco exhibit will also be given.

—W. S. S.—

## Hams for Sale.

Two very fine old country hams weighing about sixteen pounds each. Phone 606-W. 37-21

## WALLS COLLAPSE MANY KILLED

Pastime Theatre at Winchester Scene of Worst Catastrophe Ever in Central Kentucky.

Eleven persons were instantly killed and a score or more of others were injured when a three-story brick wall adjoining the Pastime Theatre at Winchester which was left standing when the building was destroyed a few days ago was blown down by the terrific gale Saturday night and crashed through the roof of the theatre bringing death and destruction with it. When the crash came the house was crowded with many standing. As usual in such places the front rows of seats were occupied by children and it was this portion of the building that collapsed when the wall fell, eleven were instantly killed and it is reported that one more has died since the accident and that three other victims are in an extremely dangerous condition with little chance of getting well. The accident happened at 7:45. Immediate calls for assistance were sent to Lexington, Richmond and this city and Dr. J. A. Shirley and W. R. Thompson, Miss Margaret Frost, George C. Eastin and Tom P. Sutton, and Mrs. John Stofer left at once to render what assistance they could, and Miss Frost remained over until Sunday night. As soon as the news got over the city there were possibly fifty people who left in automobiles to see if they could be of any help. Two of the children killed were sons of Colonel Frisbie, who formerly lived in this city, while Mr. Baber who was killed was a brother to Mr. J. W. Baber, of this city. Many others were connected in this county and were known to many of our people.

The Winchester Sun in writing the description of the catastrophe says:

"As soon as the walls began to fall there was a regular panic among those that were in attendance at the show which was packed and about 100 or more were standing witnessing the performance.

The portion of the building which fell in was the extension to the theatre which had only been erected about a year ago and was near the stage. The front rows as usual, were occupied by children principally, who as is their usual custom, occupy the front row during the comic pictures.

Had it not been for the wind-storm which had just struck the city, accompanied by rain it is thought there would have been several more people to witness the performance which was in progress at the time the catastrophe happened. Several of the residents remained at their homes to await a slackening in the rain and wind before going to the show and for that reason numerous residents of the city were enroute to the show at the time that it happened.

The men that were killed outright by the falling debris were seated near the side in which the walls caved in.

On Friday afternoon, according to Messrs. Minor and Bloomfield, the managers of the theatre, they had the walls examined in the afternoon by a contractor who stated that they were safe and that they need not fear any danger.

It is thought that the wind was the immediate cause of the falling of the walls which were already in a weakened condition from the fire which destroyed the Luman building entirely.

All of the residents of the city

## TOBACCO MARKET NEARLY OVER

Splendid Prices Are Now Being Obtained as Farmers are Bringing In Last of Crops.

Since the car shortage has been relieved the buyers are bidding strongly for the remaining amount of tobacco and the price now being received by the farmers is very satisfactory. Some splendid averages have been made as will be seen by the large advertisements appearing in this paper. It is estimated by those in charge of the warehouses that between eight and eight and one-half million pounds will be sold. There is yet quite an amount of tobacco in the barns but all the warehouses are now in position to unload the wagons as fast as they are brought in and we urge everyone who can to bring in his tobacco at once while there are yet a full number of buyers on the floor.

## GETS PROMOTION

Mr. Alfred Jones has been promoted from bookkeeper to Assistant Cashier of the Exchange Bank of this city. Mr. Jones has been connected with this institution for some time and is a competent, affable young man and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his promotion.

practically were on the scene by 8 o'clock and it was almost impossible to get the ambulances and cars through the crowd to take the injured and dead to their homes and to the hospital. All of the ambulances of the city and cars were called in to service and after a rope was stretched in front of the building the injured were moved more rapidly.

The first that were taken from the theatre were taken to the office of Dr. Isaac H. Brown until the entire office and home was crowded until others could not be admitted. In the office of Dr. Brown there were to be found children, both boys and girls, men and women, and the cries of the injured could be heard for a block even during the intense excitement and the noise that was being created by the large crowd which was blocking the streets for two squares.

The parents and friends of those that had attended the performance were to be seen on all hands mingling among the crowded street in an effort to find those that had been injured.

One of the children of Colonel Frisbie was taken to the store room of the Renaker Poultry Company, which is located just across the street from the theatre with his head almost mashed into a pulp and his brains gushing from his head.

Others were to be seen with their arms and legs broken, their heads cut from the falling brick and the ceiling of the building, while others were to be seen mashed into a pulp where they had been caught by the mass of brick which had fallen from the four-story building above.

"It is considered when anyone views the walls and the way in which they began falling one of the most miraculous escapes that was ever witnessed that the entire attendance at the theatre was not killed outright from the heavy walls which had fallen."

At a mass meeting Sunday between forty-five hundred and five thousand dollars was raised to defray the expenses of the injured and to assist in the burial of those not able to bear this expense. The stricken families of our sister city have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

## MRS. HAMPTON DIES SUNDAY

Passes to Her Reward After Having Lived More than Four Score and a Quarter Years.

Mrs. Lucella Embry Hampton, widow of Francis Marion Hampton, daughter of Rev. Allen and Mira Moberly Embry, departed this life Sunday morning, March 10, 1918, at 1 o'clock, after a lingering illness due mostly to the infirmities of age.

Mrs. Hampton was born in Madison county, December 23, 1831, hence was past eighty-six years old. The Embry family is numbered among the representative citizens of Madison county and at all times Mrs. Hampton has merited and borne that distinction.

She was married about sixty-five years ago to Mr. Hampton, of Mason county, who died in 1859. Mrs. Hampton had been a member of the Baptist church for about sixty-five years and her life has ever been an open book, with pages that recorded deeds of charity and the noble characteristics of a religious life. She came to Mt. Sterling in 1876 and for much of the time since that date her home has been with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hedden, Sr. She was known as a generous, self-sacrificing, religious Southern lady.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of J. W. Hedden, Sr., by her pastor, Rev. J. S. Wilson, and burial was in Machpelah cemetery.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Abner Oldham, of Lexington, and one brother, Mr. Leonidas Embry, of California, Mo., a leading lawyer up to the time of his retirement from the practice; two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Hedden, Sr., and Miss Frances J. Hampton; four grandchildren, Mrs. M. C. McKee, Union; Mrs. T. B. Arthur, Jellico, Tenn.; J. W. Hedden, Jr., and Roger H. Hedden, of this city, and three great-grandchildren, Frances Elizabeth Arthur, of Jellico, Tenn.; Ada Embry McKee, of Union, and Emily E. Hedden, of this city, all of whom were here and attendants at the last rites, except her aged brother in Missouri and the infant granddaughter.

Memories of her pure, helpful life will linger as lasting imprints on the many that have come in touch with her. As characteristic of her life this verse aptly illustrates:

"Now don't it seem a coward's part To grumble and complain, While all around are those who bear

## CALL PHONE NO. 74 WHEN YOU HAVE ANY NEWS FROM FRANCE

Under a new ruling of the War Department, there will no longer be issued from Washington lists of the dead and wounded among our boys in France. The department will, however, continue to telegraph relatives of the fate of their kindred.

When you get such a message from the War Department, please telephone No. 74. This newspaper will undertake to inform the community of the sad news.

## POSITION CHANGED

Mr. David Chenault, who was placed in Class 3 by the District Board owing to agricultural claims, has been placed in Class 1 by the same board according to information recently received by the local board. It was thought that Mr. R. M. French, Assistant Postmaster, would be placed in a deferred class but the District Board placed him in Class A1 and Mr. French has passed the physical examination.

—W. S. S.—

## Want to Buy.

Would like to buy a good incubator. Mrs. Richard Wilson, Phone 348 W-1.

—W. S. S.—

## RECEIVES CALL

Prof. D. W. Young, instructor in English in the High School here, has been accepted by the Signal Corps of the United States as photographer. Mr. Young's resignation is very much regretted by everyone here. His successor has not been chosen yet.

A greater grief and pain! Now could you use your sympathy To help some brother through? Somebody's worse than you, my friend,

Somebody is worse than you." And again when too frail to give aid in the performance of home duties she, leaning on a cane, found way to the piano and striking chords, her voice would rise to the old sacred songs so dear to the redeemed, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," "Did Christ o'er sinners weep," "Am I a soldier of the Cross," and other kindred songs. A greater than the writer has said, "Show me the student's library and I will read to you his character," and we can say, let us hear the songs of the individual and we can tell the religious trend, the thread of the life. Thus has ended a long life of usefulness, of sacrifices, gentleness and love.

## PROGRAM THE TABB THEATRE Wm. B. Small, Mgr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th.  
EMMY WEHLEN in "THE OUTSIDER"  
Serial "Vengeance and the Woman"

THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.  
FRANKLYN FARNUM  
in an amusing combination of thrill and laughter  
"THE FIGHTING GRIN"  
Hearst-Pathe News

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th.  
The beautiful and wonderfully gowned  
MARY GARDEN in "THAIS"  
It is claimed for Miss Garden that there has never been another woman like her on the screen.  
"The Hidden Hand"  
With Doris Kenyon and Sheldon Lewis

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th.  
BELL'S FAMOUS HAWAIIANS  
We are all familiar with that weird, strange, sensational Hawaiian music. Do not miss this opportunity of hearing these stars. This is a city production consisting of sixteen people and at the close of the present season are under contract to produce records for the Victor Talking Machine.  
Prices for this attraction—25, 35, 50, 75c and \$1.00  
Reserved Seats on Sale at Land & Priest's Drug Store

## JOHN H. KELLER

announces

## HIS ANNUAL SPRING SHOWING

of

Ladies' and Misses' Coats and Suits

for

Thursday and Friday, March 14 and 15, 1918

It is hoped that you may find opportunity to favor us with your presence on one of these two days

MR. WILLIAM KOCHER, WELL KNOWN FOR HIS PAST VISITS, WILL AGAIN BE IN CHARGE